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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY - FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, TH, CB

SUBJ: BLOCKED VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN BANK ACCOUNTS

REF: BANGKOK 8587

1. ALL KHMER EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT THAILAND AND THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS TAKEN OVER THE EMBASSY'S FACILITIES. AFTER PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND SOME INCIDENTALS, THE BALANCES IN THE BLOCKED ACCOUNTS WITH THE BANK OF AMERICA ARE \$70,397.48 AND BHT. 55,975.00.

2. THE BANK IS CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT WILL CLAIM THE ACCOUNTS. THE BANK OF THAILAND HAS ALREADY DIRECTED THE BANK OF AMERICA TO PAY LEGITIMATE CHECKS DRAWN ON VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS. ON THE BASIS OF THE LETTER FROM THE CENTRAL BANK, BANK OF AMERICA PAID OUT SOME \$1800 IN SALARIES TO FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE VIETNAMESE CONSULATE GENERAL IN RANGOON. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED AFTER THESE PAYMENTS WERE MADE. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE CONCURRED IF THE BANK OF AMERICA HAD ASKED US TO RECOMMEND UNBLOCKING THE ACCOUNT AND LICENSING THE WITHDRAWALS, BUT THEY DID NOT.

3. BANK OF AMERICA HAS ASKED THEIR HEADQUARTERS FOR LEGAL  
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ADVICE SHOULD PHNOM PENH OR SAIGON ATTEMPT TO CLAIM BALANCE OF

MONEY IN ACCOUNTS AND HAS ALSO REQUESTED US TO PROVIDE  
GUIDANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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